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SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD OF DEFENSE

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL IN THE CASE OF  
REAR ADMIRAL KENT J. CARROLL, USNAVY

1. IT IS MY PLEASURE TO RECOMMEND THE AWARD OF THE DEFENSE  
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL TO REAR ADMIRAL KENT J. CARROLL,  
US NAVY, FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED PERFORMANCE AS COMMANDER TASK  
FORCE SIXTY FIVE DURING THE PERIOD JUNE THROUGH NOVEMBER 1974,  
WHILE OPERATING WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC  
OF EGYPT.

2. AS COMMANDER TASK FORCE SIXTY FIVE, RESPONSIBLE FOR THE  
NIMBUS MOON AND NIMROD SPAR PHASES OF THE CLEARING  
OF THE SUEZ CANAL, REAR ADMIRAL CARROLL WAS CHARGED WITH THE  
PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF COMPLEX OPERATIONS INCIDENT TO THE  
LOCATION AND REMOVAL OF EXPLOSIVES AND OBSTRUCTIONS FROM  
THE CANAL, AND THE CONDUCT OF SALVAGE OPERATIONS THEREIN.

3. THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD, REAR ADMIRAL CARROLL EFFECTIVELY  
COORDINATED THE MULTI-SERVICE EFFORTS OF EGYPTIAN,  
UNITED STATES AND BRITISH FORCES WITH FRENCH FORCES ALSO PARTI-  
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CIPATING IN THE OPERATION. THE ENTIRE CANAL CLEARING

OPERATION HAS BEEN PROSECUTED METHODICALLY, ENERGETICALLY, AND AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS THE COMPLEX CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE PERMITTED.

4. PARTICULARLY IMPRESSIVE HAVE BEEN THE CLOSE AND HARMONIOUS RELATIONSHIPS, AND THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDLY COOPERATION, WHICH HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED BETWEEN PARTICIPATING UNITED STATES FORCES AND THOSE OF EGYPT. THE EXCELLENT RAPPORT AND MUTUAL RESPECT WHICH HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED DURING THE COURSE OF THESE OPERATIONS ARE A DIRECT REFLECTION OF REAR ADMIRAL CARROLL'S EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP ABILITY, OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL CAPABILITY AND DIPLOMATIC SKILL.

5. I REQUEST THAT ACTION ON THIS AWARE RECOMMENDATION BE COMPLETED AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER THAT THE AWARD, IF APPROVED, CAN BE PRESENTED TO REAR ADMIRAL CARROLL DURING THE CEREMONIES MARKING COMPLETION OF THE TASK FORCE SIXTY FIVE MISSION IN THE CANAL ZONE. THIS CEREMONY MAY BE HELD AS EARLY AS THE SECOND WEEK OF DECEMBER.  
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